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**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

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Dear Sir:

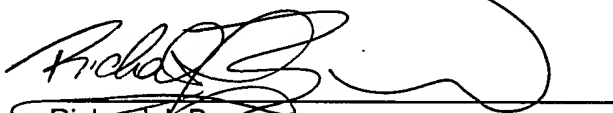
The undersigned attorney respectfully requests the status of the above-identified application.

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